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SUBJECT: PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE AND THE UN-
REPORT BY PEREZ-GUERRERO

REF: USUN 4624

1. PEREZ-GUERRERO OF VENEZUELA, CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK,
BRIEFED G-77 REPRESENTATIVES ON NOVEMBER 6 REGARDING THE
PARIS PREPCOM AND RELATED MATTERS. CABRIC OF THE YUGOSLAV
MISSION WHO ATTENDED THE BRIEFING, SAID THAT PEREZ GUERRERO
DID A SKILLFUL JOB KN (A) CONVEYING A SENSE OF OPTIMISM
ABOUT THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND (B) EMPHASIZING
THE CONCEPT OF MUTUALLY REINFORCING INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE
UN SYSTEM AND THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

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2. ACCORDING TO CABRIC, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS

AND COMMENTS ADDRESSED TO PEREZ-GUERRERO AFTER WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77 SUMMED UP THE SENSE OF THE MEETING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) THE UN SYSTEM REMAINS THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY FOR NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(B) THERE SHOULD BE A LINK BETWEEN THE UN AND THE PARIS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THIS LINK SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVE RATHER THAN OF A TECHNICAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL NATURE.

(C) LDC PARTICIPANTS SHOULD KEEP OTHER G-77 COUNTRIES CURRENTLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PARIS CONFERENCE AND IN THE FOUR COMMISSIONS.

(D) AGREEMENTS REACHED OR DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE PARIS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE UNGA AND APPROVED BY THAT BODY.

(E) LDC REPS IN THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY A COMMON "PLATFORM" BEING PREPARED BY THE G-77 IN NEW YORK. THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE BASED PRIMARILY ON MATERIAL THAT HAS ORIGINATED IN THE UN SYSTEM BUT MAY TAKE ACCOUNT OF CERTAIN OTHER MATERIALS SUCH AS THE DAKAR DECLARATION.

3. CABRIC SAID THAT THE CHOICE OF REMAINING LDC COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARIS CONFERENCE REMAINS A PROBLEM. THE G-77 DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE AT THE GENERAL MEETING WITH PEREZ-GUERRERO, HOWEVER.

4. COMMENT: KEY ISSUE APPEARS TO BE ASIAN GROUP REPRESENTATION WHICH IS NOW STRONGLY RUMORED TO BE YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN, IRAQ, PLUS MALAYSIA OR INDONESIA. LDC DECISION IS EXPECTED BY NOVEMBER 13. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT INFORMATION PROCESS CITED PARA 2(C) ABOVE WOULD INCLUDE PERIODIC MEETINGS HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

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